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(*b*) & (*c*) The main Rameswaram channel runs in Government land and the two branches run in zamindari land. Water at the source is controlled by the Public Works Department and the internal distribution is under the control of the Zamindar (Maharaja of Pithapuram).

(*d*) & (*e*) About 424 acres (including all dry lands) in Achutapuram village are at present left waste for want of sufficient supply of water. There is a proposal to take the channel under Government control and the matter is under correspondence between the local officers of Government and the Zamindar.

(*f*) Many complaints have been received. Last season additional water was supplied to the channel by the Public Works Department giving a supply more favourable than the normal (70 and 90) duties, on account of the defects in the channel. Nothing more can be done until the channel is taken under Government control and remodelled and repaired.

(*g*) There are about 106 acres of dry land now being irrigated and about 84½ acres of dry land that can be brought under wet cultivation if supply is made available. Some ryots have expressed their willingness to pay inclusion fees while others (resident land-owners) are not willing to pay the fees.

(*h*) Approximate estimates amounting to Rs. 12,000 have been prepared for remodelling the channel. The estimates have been under correspondence with the Zamindar in connexion with the question of taking the channel under Government control.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* EXTENSION OF TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF CERTAIN DISTRICT BOARDS.

* Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"Sir, with your permission I beg leave of the House to move the following adjournment motion, i.e.:—

'*That the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the issue of G.O. No.* 4422, *L. & M., dated* 28*th October* 1935, *extending the date for the vacation of office by members of the Tinnevelly and other district boards beyond* 1st *November* 1935 *in spite of the fact that elections have been completed in many of them*'."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"I second it."

* The Hon. the President:—"The hon. Member knows that this issue also was partly discussed yesterday. I think no useful purpose will be served by discussing it on another adjournment motion to-day. Therefore I rule it out of order."